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STATE FOR ECA/PE/V/M JANET BEARD/DEBORAH THOMPSON; INFO  
ECA/PE/V/R/N/-LARRY A. MOODY, SA/PD

E.O. 12958: N/A

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SUBJECT: FY 05 IV PROGRAM: SRI LANKAN NOMINEE FOR MRP  
"INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM", JUNE 16-JULY 7, 2005.

PROJECT NO. E/VM-2005-0029

REF: COLOMBO 00765

1. Post nominates Prabaghan "Ratnasabapathy" News Editor,  
"Virekesari" newspaper for participation in subject  
project. Post confirms that this nomination has "full  
country team approval."

2. Nomination is as follows:

START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):

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: automated processing in Washington and should not be  
: edited except by means of the Post-EVDB software.

EXPORT-SOURCE: POST-EVDB

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POST-EMAIL: tilakawardenac@state.gov

TRANSMITTING-POST: PAS Colombo

TRANSMITTING-POST-ID: 2929

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START NOMINATION:

ECA-OFFICE: E/VGN

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 124

ECA-PROJ-NO: E/VM-2005-0029

PROJ-NAME: Investigative Journalism - June 16-July 7, 2005

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END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Multi-Regional

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2004

DEPART-POST: 06/14/2005

SESSION-DATE: 06/16/2005

RETURN-POST: 07/09/2005

NO-OF-PART: 1

RANK-ORDER: 0

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This nomination is in support of MPP goal "Supporting  
Democratic System and Practices."

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

START MEMO POST-RCMD:

END MEMO POST-RCMD:

ECA-OFFICE-ID: 1039

PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: MRP

PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 2929

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: U

SUBJ-DISC: Print Journalism

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Prabaghan

M-NAME:

L-NAME: RATHNASABAPATHY

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 622

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

M-ADDR1: B34-3/1 Soyzapura Flats

M-ADDR2:

M-ADDR3:

M-CITY: Moratuwa

M-STATE:

M-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

M-ZONE:

M-ZIP:

M-PHONE: (94-11) 232-0881

M-FAX: (94-11) 244-8205

M-EMAIL: kesari25@virakesari.lk

M-CNTRY-ID: CE

M-ADDRTYPE: H

GENDER: M

DOB: 09/28/1960

MAR-STAT: M

BIRTH-CITY: Badulla

BIRTH-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

CITIZ-CNTRY: Sri Lanka  
RES-CNTRY: Sri Lanka  
START MEMO POSITION:  
News Editor, Virakesari, 2002- to date  
END MEMO POSITION:  
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:  
  
END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:  
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:  
1999-2001 - News Editor (Tamil), Maharaja  
Television/Maharaja Broadcasting  
1986-99 - Senior Sub-Editor, Virakesari  
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:  
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:  
None  
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:  
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:  
Germany - 2003 - To cover for Virakesari - Peace Talks held  
between LTTE and the GOSL  
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:  
START MEMO EDUCATION:  
General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level)  
Examination , 1978  
Certificate Course in Journalism, Open University of Sri  
Lanka, 1999  
END MEMO EDUCATION:  
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:  
  
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START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:  
  
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ENGL-READ: 3  
ENGL-SPEAK: 3  
ENGL-COMP: 3  
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OTHER-LANG: Sinhala  
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READ: 3  
SPEAK: 3  
COMP: 3  
END OTHER-LANGS:  
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:  
This nomination is in support of MPP goal "Supporting  
Democratic System and Practices."  
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:  
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:  
  
END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:  
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:  
  
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START MEMO VIS-REC:  
  
END MEMO VIS-REC:  
NOMINATING-OFFICER: Bruce A. Lohof  
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:  
A member of the senior management team of Virakesari,  
independet Tamil daily and weekly newspapers, Rathnasabathy  
is a key contact of Public Affairs office. Exposure to the  
values and ethics in investigative journalism will enhance  
his skills and will be mutual beneficial.  
This nomination has "full Country Team approval."  
  
END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:  
NOM-OFF: Public Affairs  
SPEAKER?: No  
NOTIFY-EMB: Yes  
MEDIA?: No  
HOME-STAY: Yes  
HOME-HOSP?: Yes  
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PERSON-ID: 171  
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CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: CE  
RES-CNTRY-ID: CE  
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E-I-TYPE-ID:  
NOM-POST-ID: 2929  
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NOM-STATUS: N  
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US-AGENCY-AMT2: 0  
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INTL-ORG-AMOUNT1: 0

INTL-ORG2:  
INTL-ORG-AMOUNT2: 0  
VIS-GOVT-AMT: 0  
COMMISSION: 0  
OTHER-AMOUNT: 0  
VIS-AMOUNT: 0  
VIS-CAT: 5  
END BIO:  
END NOMINATION:  
END FIXED-FORMAT TEXT:  
13. Please advise acceptance of this nomination.  
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